

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-referenced application:

Claims 1-9. (canceled)

Claim 10. (currently amended) A method of preparing and managing one or more thesauri at a server, wherein the one or more thesauri are used for accelerating the creation of a text message via an input device by a user, the method comprising the steps of:

- a. receiving a first plurality of text messages over a first period of time, each of the first plurality of text messages being entered by at least one of a plurality of users engaged in a message session;
- b. storing each of the received first plurality of text messages in a database;
- c. preparing a thesaurus, the thesaurus being comprised of at least a portion of the received first plurality of text messages that are stored in the database;
- d. receiving a request from at least one user for a thesaurus; and
- e. transmitting the thesaurus to the at least one user.

Claim 11. (currently amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

- f. receiving a second plurality of text messages over a second period of time;
- g. storing each of the received second plurality of text messages in the database;
- h. updating the thesaurus with one or more of the second plurality of text messages stored in the database; and
- i. transmitting the updated thesaurus to at least one user;

whereby the previously ~~received transmitted~~ thesaurus is replaced by the updated thesaurus.

Claim 12. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein each of the first and second plurality of text messages is associated with at least one topic and each of the first and second plurality of text messages is indexed in the database according to the at least one topic.

Claim 13. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the message session occurs in an Internet based chat room and the topic is selected based on the address of the chat room.

Claim 14. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the message session occurs in an Internet based chat room and the topic is selected based on the content of the chat room.

Claim 15. (original) The method of claim 12, wherein the user identifies the topic.

Claim 16. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the step of transmitting the thesaurus is based at least in part on the identity of the user.

Claim 17. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein periodically, a subsequent thesaurus request is received and in response to the subsequent thesaurus request, an updated version of the thesaurus is transmitted.

Claim 18. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of preparing a thesaurus comprises creating a thesaurus based at least in part for each topic in the database.

Claim 19. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the received thesaurus request identifies an associated topic and the step of transmitting an updated thesaurus further comprises selecting a thesaurus based on the associated topic.

Claim 20. (currently amended) The method of claim 18, wherein the received thesaurus request identifies the user's equipment and the step of transmitting an updated thesaurus further comprises selecting a thesaurus based on the user's equipment.

Claim 21. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein each entry in the thesaurus has a score.

Claim 22. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, wherein the score is based on at least one criteria-criterion selected from a group of criterion including: the number a quantified total

of appearances of the ~~word entry data~~ in the database, ~~the number~~ a quantified total of different users that utilize the ~~word entry data~~, and ~~when a time that the word entry data was added to the database.~~

Claim 23. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the thesaurus is filtered.

Claim 24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein filtering the thesaurus is based on at least one criteria selected from a group comprises of: dirty words, sexual words, curse words and short words.

Claim 25. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein the input device is selected from the group of input devices consisting of writing pens, touch screen displays, keyboards, keypads, mouse and voice recognition.

Claim 26-31. (canceled)

Claim 32. (original) A server for providing one or more thesauri to a plurality of users, the server comprising:

- a. a database operative to store text messages that are entered by a user during a text messaging session and received by the server;
- b. a statistical processor operative to retrieve, from time to time, a section of the database, and then to process the retrieved section of the database to create an updated thesaurus of terms having high likelihood of being selected; and
- c. a bank of thesauri being operative to receive and store the updated thesaurus from the statistical processor and deliver a requested thesaurus to a requesting user.

Claim 33. (original) The server of claim 32, wherein each entry in the thesaurus has a score, the score representing the likelihood of the entry being selected.

Claim 34. (original) The server of claim 33, wherein the score is based on at least one criteria selected from a group of criterion consisting of: the number of appearances of the word in the

database, the number of different users that utilize the word, the frequency of use of the word, and when the word was added to the database.